

\$30,000 FIRE IN BENSON

Fire Started in Post Office Building With Stiff Wind Blowing. Eight Buildings Swept Away

BENSON, NOV. 11.—SHORTLY AFTER MIDNIGHT THE CITIZENS WERE AROUSED BY THE BLOWING OF THE YARD ENGINES OF THE S.P. MOST OF THE PEOPLE HAD RETIRED AND THE FIRE HAD GAINED GOOD HEADWAY BEFORE ENOUGH PEOPLE HAD ASSEMBLED TO TAKE UP THE WORK OF STOPPING ITS PROGRESS.

FLAMES WERE FIRST SEEN ISSUING FROM THE REAR OF THE POST OFFICE BUILDING, OWNED BY J. W. REDFIELD AND ALSO OCCUPIED BY HIM AS A GROCERY AND FRUIT STORE. AT THIS TIME A STIFF WIND WAS BLOWING AND THE PUNY EFFORTS OF THE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT WERE MOCKED

an effective fight to stop progress of the fire. The fire originated in a narrow space between it and a Chinese joint or in the latter. Which will probably never be known. Opinion at Benson is divided as to whether the fire was started by Chinese indulging in opium smoking or by a circus follower who may have crawled in between the post-office and the Chinese joint. The Norris & Rowe circus had been at the town the night before.

When the train left for this city, Mr. Chidester says the ruins resultant from the big fire of yesterday morning were still smoking. The fire was discovered at a few minutes before 2 in the morning. It is supposed to have been slowly burning for nearly an hour. When discovery was made the postoffice building was a mass of flames, and with the wind that was blowing it was instantly realized that

destruction, Mr. Chidester says, was the fact that the wind, which had been blowing down the street, suddenly turned straight out toward the depot. From that time it was comparatively easy of keeping within the limits it had already attained. These limits were fixed by the Virginia House on one side and the Wild Cat saloon on the other. Everything between was burned—eight buildings in all. The destruction of these was complete, buildings and contents representing entire loss. No insurance was car-

ried on any of the properties.

When the fire reached the Wild Cat, it attached to the roof and side of that building, burning both badly but not entirely. The proprietor of the place was able to resume business there yesterday afternoon with temporary fixtures. The house furnishings were all gotten out of the building before the flames reached it. This was the only case in which anything was saved from the flames in the burned district in anything like condition for future use.

The loss at the Grand Central by

office and the Virginia hotel.

THE HEAVIEST LOOSER WAS SAM FRIEDMAN.

HON. STEVE ROEMER STATED TO THE REVIEW OVER THE TELEPHONE THIS MORNING THAT THE CAUSE OF THE FIRE WAS UNKNOWN AND THAT NO ONE KNEW AT THAT TIME WHETHER THE FIRE WAS INCENDIARY OR ACCIDENTAL. IN ALL SIX BUILDINGS WERE DESTROYED. THE ESTIMATED LOSS WILL REACH \$20,000 WITH VERY LITTLE INSURANCE, NOT TO EXCEED \$2,000.

Proprietor Samuel Freedman was the heaviest of any individual. Furniture and house loss together will reach close to \$10,000. He leaves Mr. Freedman practically penniless. He had a good business and was married only a few weeks ago.

Wm. Land was another large loser, he saving nothing more than a small amount of change that was in the cash register.

A restaurant and saloon taken over the first of the week by a former timberman with the Copper Queen was also a total loss. Two other restau-

ants and a barber shop were destroyed.

Owners of the ground over which the fire swept were yesterday afternoon arranging to rebuild. Work of reconstructing the burned business houses will in two instances commence today. On the site of the Grand Central the owner of the ground has signified intention of putting up a modern two-story brick building as soon as the materials can be secured. The entire loss attendant on the fire, it was estimated yesterday afternoon, would go over \$30,000.

JUDGE BARNES IS DEAD

Tucson, Ariz., Nov. 10—Judge William H. Barnes was taken ill at his residence this evening with acute indigestion while at dinner and died at 9 o'clock.

JUDGE BARNES WAS ONE OF THE FOREMOST LAWYERS OF ARIZONA AND WAS WELL KNOWN IN COCHISE COUNTY, AND IN FACT ALL OVER THE TERRITORY WHERE HE HAS BEEN ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN LAW PRACTICE SINCE 1885.

JUDGE BARNES FIRST CAME TO ARIZONA AS AN APPOINTEE UNDER PRESIDENT CLEVELAND'S ASSOCIATE JUSTICE OF THE TERRITORY. HE SERVED IN THIS POSITION FOR FOUR YEARS WITH GREAT CREDIT TO HIMSELF. JUDGE BARNES WAS THE SECOND PRESIDENT OF THE ARIZONA BAR ASSOCIATION AND DURING HIS LIFE TIME IN THE TERRITORY, WHICH HAS EXTENDED OVER NINETEEN YEARS, HE ALWAYS TOOK AN ACTIVE

PART IN THE POLITICS OF THE TERRITORY.

JUDGE BARNES ON FOUR DIFFERENT OCCASIONS REPRESENTED THE DEMOCRACY OF ILLINOIS AND ARIZONA IN THE NATIONAL CONVENTION, HAVING BEEN ADELEGATE TO THE DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION WHICH CONVENED IN 1876, 1880, 1884 AND 1892.

JUDGE WM. H. BARNES WAS A NATIVE OF CONNECTICUT, HAVING BEEN BORN AT HAMPTON IN 1243. HE ATTENDED THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF ALTON, ILLINOIS, WHERE HE REMOVED WHEN HE WAS TEN YEARS OF AGE. IN 1866 HE WAS ADMITTED TO THE BAR OF ILLINOIS HAVING PREVIOUSLY GRADUATED FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

JUDGE BARNES WAS MARRIED TO MISS BELLE J. DALEY IN ILLINOIS SHORTLY BEFORE COMING TO TUCSON. ONE DAUGHTER WAS BORN, WHO AT PRESENT LIVES IN NEW YORK, THE WIFE OF COL. JOHN H. MARTIN.

JUDGE BARNES WAS A MEMBER OF THE MASONIC ORDER, ODD FELLOWS AND ELKS, AND WAS ONE OF THE MOST PROMINENT CITIZENS OF ARIZONA.

JUDGE BARNES WAS RECENTLY PROMINENTLY BEFORE THE PUBLIC THROUGH THE FACT THAT HE ANNOUNCED IN ST. LOUIS THAT HE WOULD SUPPORT THEODORE ROOSEVELT AT THE LAST PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION.

BRIEF DOUGLAS NOTES.

Don Carlisle, a Sonora mining man, is here on business.

Gus Reardon, of Sonora, arrived yesterday from the lower country.

Edward Ledwidge, traveling auditor of the El Paso and Southwestern, returned to El Paso today.

Line Rider Miller, who has been taking a vacation for the past month, will resume his duties on the line tomorrow.

Col. Garcia, the owner of the Pinar de Teras mine in Sonora, arrived in this city yesterday from his properties and is at the International.

The top blow off a converter at the C. Q. smelter at 2 o'clock today and one man was slightly injured by molten copper. The explosion was caused by the lining falling.

N. S. Finch returned to his silver mine in Sonora today. He stated that he had recently struck a new ore body in the Veta Grande, and that from now on he will carry on productive mining as well as considerable development work. He will begin shipping ore in the very near future as there is a good body already opened up.

Edward N. Buck, editor of the Naco Budget, is in town today. This is Mr. Buck's first visit to the city since he started his paper and he stated that he is doing a good business in the street.

venture in the Naco field. He has been appointed a delegate from Arizona to attend the Irrigation Congress in El Paso and owing to ill health, he will remain there several weeks taking treatment for rheumatism.

Mr. Peters, who is putting in the electrical transmission system at Naco, returned to that camp this morning. A trolley system is to be used in hauling the cars through the big tunnel and the whole mining department will be operated by electricity generated by a big dynamo, driven by a gas engine. It has been thoroughly demonstrated at that camp that this mode of producing power is the cheapest in that country.

The Harmony Embroidery club is the latest to be organized in this city. The organization was effected Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Charles Iverson, on Fourteenth street, the following having joined the club: Mesdames Iverson, Thatcher, Murphy, David Struthers, Andrew Struthers, Wineland, Telfer, Huddleson, Scamons, Robson, Stone, Mahoney, Smith, Griffith and the Misses Struthers and Brodie. During the evening dainty refreshments were served and an enjoyable time had by those present. Next Friday afternoon the club will have its next meeting at the residence of Mrs. Alfred Smith on Fourteenth street.

The Douglas Country club, organized to promote social exercise and amusement, held a meeting Saturday evening and elected the following officers: President, F. J. Davis; secretary and treasurer, T. Attlebury; board of managers, S. W. French, Dr. C. E. Rhone and J. P. Sexton. This club now has a tennis court in library hall block and expect to promote a golf club, a riding club, etc., in this community.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

To the Public, Ladies and Gentlemen, and the Little Ones, too: I beg to announce that I have just returned from the Eastern markets with a carefully selected stock of dia-

monds, watches and jewelry, which I will offer for your inspection at H. H. Hunter's Pharmacy. Later on I will talk to you again about prices.

Yours truly,

E. B. LANE.

A UNIQUE SOCIAL AFFAIR.

Minnehaha Council No. 3, Daughters of Pocahontas, will give a sheet and pillow slip ball on Monday evening, November 14th. A splendid time is assured all who attend. Spectators promise to be numerous, and the management has decided to admit them for 25 cents. Maskers will be required to lift mask at door. Come and dance, or just to see the unique costumes.

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